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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S AND PRESIDENT'S INDEPENDENCE

DAY SPEECHES: SITUATION GRAVE BUT NOT DESPERATE

1. MRS GANDHI CARRIED HER PERSONAL CAMPACDN FOR GREATER PRODUCTION AND AGAINST GROWING DESPAIR IN THE COUNTRY (NEW DELHI 2110) TO THE RAMPARTS OF THE RED FORT ON INDEPENDENCE DAY, AUG 15. SHE URGED THE NATION NOT TO FEEL "OVERWHELMED" BY THE "DARK CLOUDS" OF TRANSITORY HARDSHIPS PLAGUING INDIA; EXHORTED FARMERS AND WORKERS TO RAISE PRODUCTION IN THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY; ATTACKED THE FAMILIAR TARGETS OF CONGRESS RHETORIC (HOARDERS, BLACK MARKETEERS, UNSCRUPULOUS BUSINESSMEN) FOR GREATLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS; AND, WITH A VIEW TO THE STUDENT-BASED GUJARAT AND (ONGOINIRD BIHAR DISTURBANCES, CALLED ON YOUTH TO ESCHEW VIOLENCE AND DESTRUCTION AND JOIN HER IN CONSTRUCTING A STRONGER AND HEALTHIER INDIA. IN BRIEF REFERENCES TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SHE REITERATED INDIA'S INTENTION TO USE ITS NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND CRITICIZED "ONE OF INDIA'S NEIGHBORS" FOR THREATENINGC OT ONLY INDIA BUT AFGHANISTAN.

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2. PRESIDENT GIRI ALSO EMPHASIZED ECONOMIC THESES,
PARTICULARLY INCREASED PRODUCTION, IN HIS JOINT INDEPENDENCE
DAY/DEPARTURE FROM OFFICE SPEECH BROADCAST OVER ALL-INDIA
RADIO AUGUST 14. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING HIS ADDRESS,
HE LASHED OUT AT GROWING CORRUPTION AND THE "DOMINANT
ROLE" MONEY HAS COME TO PLAY IN INDIAN POLITICS.
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